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Usage of Plastics
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of plastics being used per day in the country during the last three years;
(b) whether several States have banned the use of plastics and if so, the success achieved so far by such States;
(c) the existing norms regarding the use of plastics in the country; and
(d) whether the Government has any proposal to impose ban on the use of plastics and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

(a): As per the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, the production of polymers during 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 is reported to be 64.24, 67.84 and 65.33 lakh tons respectively. |During the same period production of performance plastics is reported to be 9.45, 7.83 and 7.66 lakh tons.

(b): The use of plastic is not banned in the country. However, use of carry bags made of plastic is banned by thirteen States and three Union Territories.

(c): The Government has notified the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, which, inter-alia, regulate manufacture, sale, distribution and use plastic carry bags including carry bags of compostable plastic, and plastic sheets for packaging or wrapping commodities. The use of carry bags made from conventional plastic and less than 50 micron in thickness is prohibited. The use of plastic for packaging gutkha, tobacco and pan masala is prohibited. The generators of waste have been mandated to take steps to minimize generation of plastic waste, not to litter the plastic waste, ensure segregated storage of waste at source and handovers segregated waste to local body or agencies authorised by the local bodies. The shopkeepers and street vendors willing to provide plastic carry bags for dispensing any commodity require pre-registration with local body after payment of waste management fee.

(d) The Ministry has no proposal to ban the use of plastics.

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